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The \$140,000 question

Friendship in the final days

Fifth of a series.

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John C. "Jack" Kindschi, chief of station for the CIA in Honolulu from 1978 to 1980, is part of the mosaic that makes up Ronald Rewald's claim that the CIA created and ran the firm of Bishop Baldwin Rewald Dillingham & Wong.

The CIA and Kindschi reject that story. And Kindschi goes out of his way to clarify two details which Rewald is using to support the claim.

Rewald has charged, in his \$671 million civil suit against the CIA, that "the key 'complainant' " in the criminal case against Rewald is Kindschi, and that Kindschi requested withdrawal of \$140,000 from his Bishop Baldwin investment the very day of Rewald's suicide attempt, July 29.

Those allegations could be used to bolster a theory that Kindschi, far from being an innocent victim, was an insider who knew



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of ron rewald**

Concluding tomorrow in The Advertiser: Ex-CIA agent Jack Kindschi disputes Ron Rewald's claim that the CIA ran Rewald's now-bankrupt investment company.

"the truth" about the company and tried to get his money out. And that Kindschi, acting on behalf of the CIA, made sure criminal charges were filed against Rewald so that Rewald would be thrown in prison while the agency tried to clean up the mess.

"That's absolutely untrue," Kindschi says today. He says he was as much in the dark as any investor, and lost more than most. And "from the time of the suicide attempt

and for the remainder of the year, I had absolutely no contact with anyone from the CIA."

Why is Kindschi making such an effort to set the record straight now?

"I don't want anybody using me," says the veteran CIA officer. "I'm being used as it is by (Rewald attorney Robert) Smith and Rewald and so on."

In fact, Kindschi says, "I was very concerned at the time (of the collapse of the company last year) that maybe for reasons unknown to me the police or the state or somebody else was going to make me the fall guy, because they swooped down on me."

"I think I had three or four subpoenas in a week. Grand jury testimony, state testimony, white collar, fraud, FBI, everything."

Kindschi and his attorney, Richard Griffith, say they since have been told that Kindschi is not a target of criminal investi-

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